

THE  
RIDGE RUNNER  
1950





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# Ridge Runner





## *Salute To Swain Hi*



ROBERT ORR

1. SWAIN HI, SWAIN HI,  
We ever praise thy nobleness  
And we have for thee,  
A feeling we can ne'er express.

Thou art majestic SWAIN HI,  
'Neath the Carolina blue  
We salute thee SWAIN HI,  
And to thee we'll e'er be true.

DORIS THOMASSON

2. SWAIN HI, SWAIN HI,  
We salute and hail thee with a song  
And through our lives you'll be,  
The School to which our hearts belong.

CHORUS:

With colors of maroon and white,  
With standards always for the right,  
We hail the alma mater,  
And sing praises that are due.



### *We Dedicate*

We dedicate the '50 Ridge Runner to John Wikle in return for services rendered to all members of the Senior Class. His frankness, quietness, and unfailing support of all senior activities have been deeply appreciated.



Swain High — Studying,



Socializing, Smoking, Eating.



SWAIN ON PARADE



*"BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS"*

Co-Editors

Mary Leah Edmonds

Joe Freeman



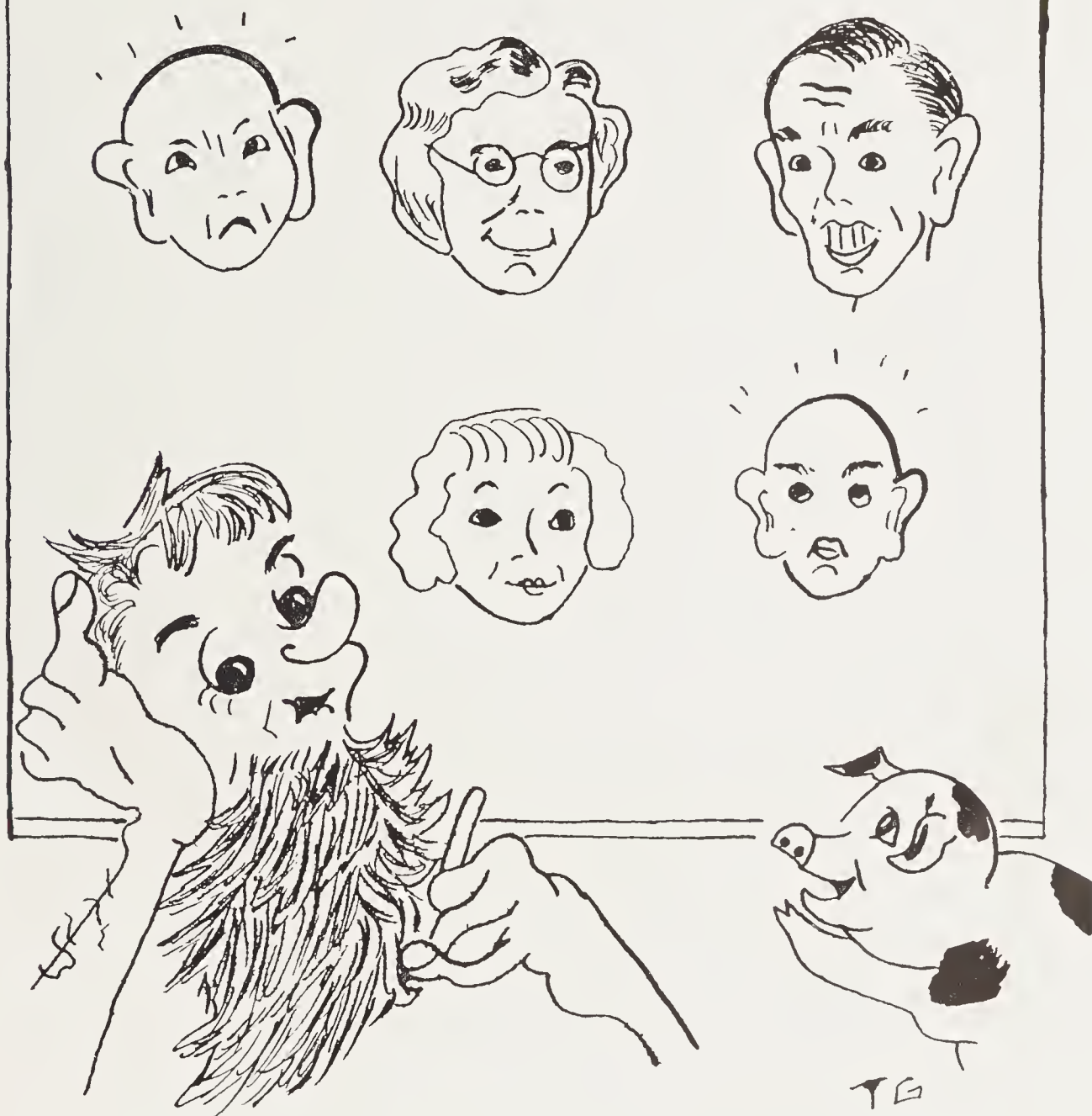
*"How about an ad, Mister?"*

Business Managers

Christine Hyde

Helen Estes

# SOUL AND HEEL of SWAIN HI

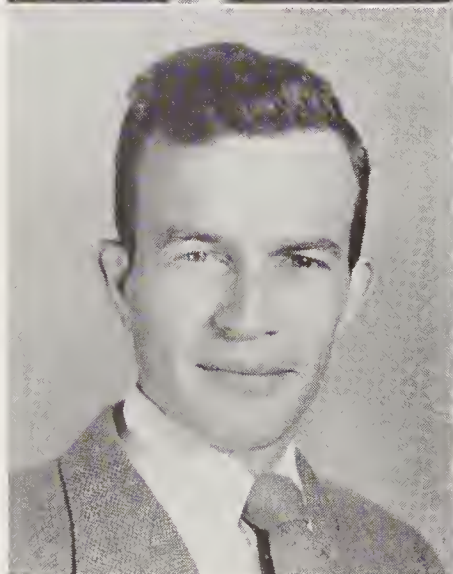
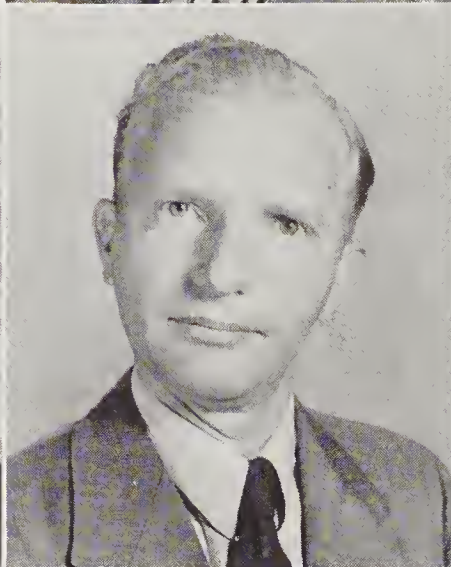


THE SOUL AND THE HEEL OF SWAIN HI

Melvin H. Taylor  
Principal



A. B. Degree  
M. Ed. Degree  
Mathematics



Mary Long  
B. S. Degree  
English, Latin, Music  
Junior Sponsor

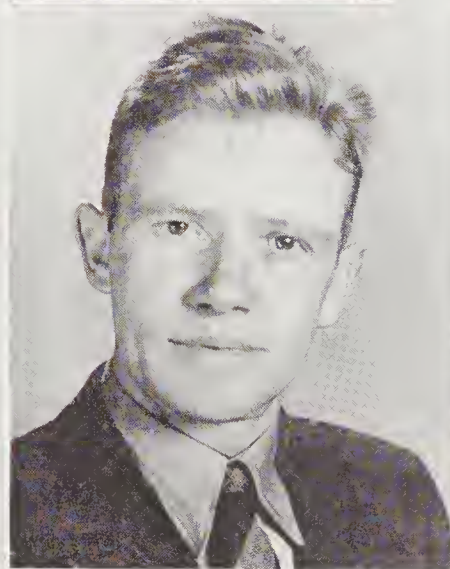
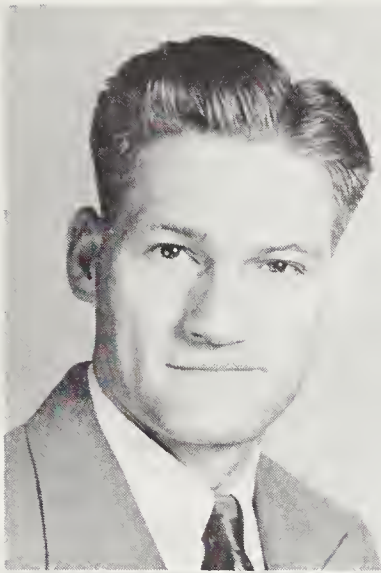
John M. Wikle  
B. S. Degree  
English  
Mgr. School Store  
Senior Sponsor

Lillian F. Thomasson  
B. S. Degree  
M. A. Degree  
Dean of Students  
Senior Sponsor

Thad DeHart  
B. A. Degree  
English, Typing  
Sophomore Sponsor

Rhea DeHart  
B. A. Degree  
M. A. Degree  
Annual Staff Advisor  
Junior Sponsor

Floyd Cunningham, Jr.  
B. S. Degree  
Commercial Dept.  
Student Council Advisor  
Freshman Sponsor



*Burke  
Ferguson*  
B. S. Degree  
History  
Sophomore  
Sponsor



*Dorothy Mae  
Thomas*  
School  
Secretary

*Howard Barnwell*  
B. S. Degree  
Mathematics, Physical Ed.  
Head Coach  
Freshman Sponsor

*Emma Cassada*  
A. B. Degree  
Science  
Advisor-Marshals  
Sophomore Sponsor

*Donald Womick*  
B. S. Degree  
Mathematics, Band  
Freshman Sponsor

*Annie Taylor Fox*  
A. B. Degree  
English, Librarian

*R. L. Lyday*  
B. S. Degree  
Agriculture  
Advisor F. F. A. Club

*Lucille Brintnall*  
B. S. Degree  
Home Economics  
Advisor F. H. A. Club



*"The Cream of the Crop"*

Mona June Stockton

Margie Estes

Reva Wike

Glenith Crisp

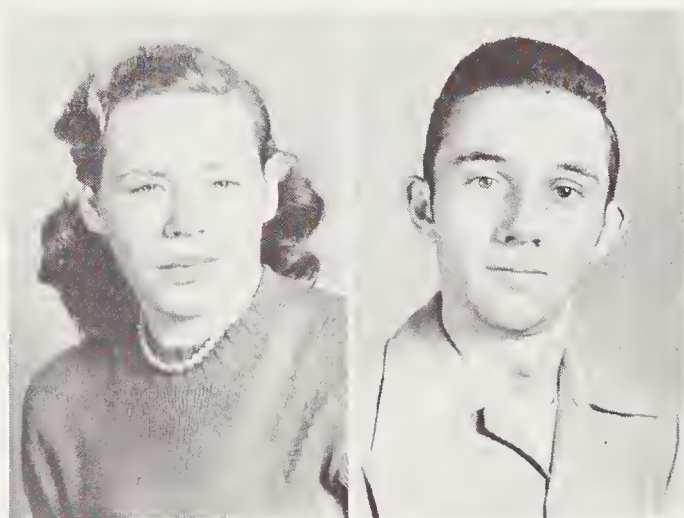
Christine Hyde



# SENIORS

*"Seniors . . . at Last!"*

Lucille  
Branton



O'Neal  
Muse

*Post Graduates*



*Senior Class Officers*

Mary Leah Edmonds, Jim Sherrill, Helen Estes

*Senior Mascots*

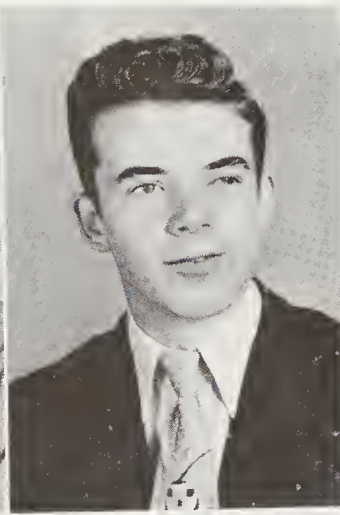


Sarah Welch

Tommy Ferguson

Glenith Erma Crisp

"Glamour dresser . . . smart . . . short and sweet . . . clarinet player . . . College Preparatory Student Council 4; Marshal 2, 3; Class Officer 2, 3; Band 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 4; Senior Play 4; Annual Staff 4.



James A. Sutton, Jr.

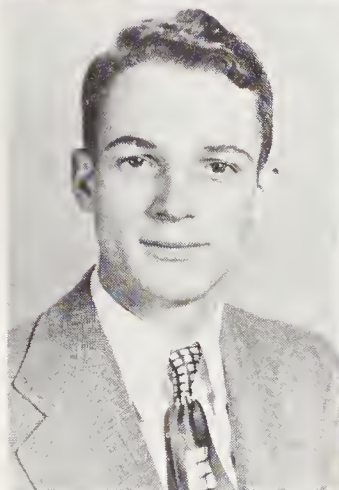
"Jimmy"

"Romeo Sutton . . . Walker's flame . . . neat dresser . . . " Commercial without Shorthand; Vice-President Band 3; Basketball 4; Senior Play; Band 2, 3.

Frank Hyatt, Jr.

"Conny"

"Anemic Dill . . . Speed demon . . . likable . . ." Agriculture-Science; Student Council 4; Senior Play 4; 4-H Club 1, 2; F. F. A. 3, 4.

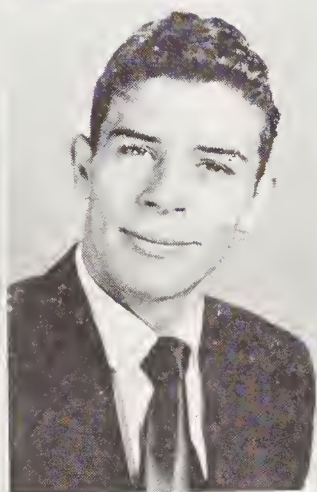
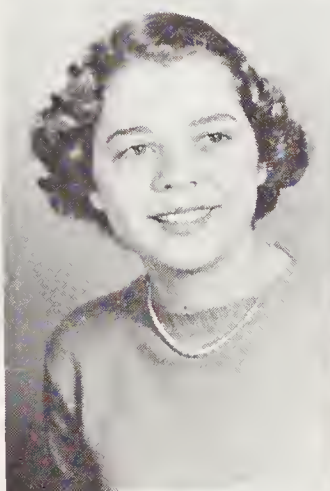


Christine Hyde

"Adorable little imp . . . personality gal . . ." Commercial with Shorthand; Vice-President Student Body 3; Chief Marshal 3; Marshal 1, 2, 3; Class Officer 1, 2, 3; Student Council 2, 3; Annual Staff; Senior Play 4; 4-H Club 1, 2.

Nelda Reed

"Smiles . . . demon on typewriter . . . Whittier . . ." Commercial without Shorthand; Marshal 1; Cheerleader 4; Dramatics 4; Senior Play 4; Annual Staff 4; 4-H Club 1, 2.



Alvin Cecil Freeman

"Joe"

"That old vulgar thing . . . appealing . . ." Commercial without Shorthand; Co-Editor Annual 4; Senior Play; Football 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3.

William Coburn DeHart

"Bill"

"Chubby . . . sweet . . . football and basketball hero . . ." Agriculture; Football 1, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. President 4.



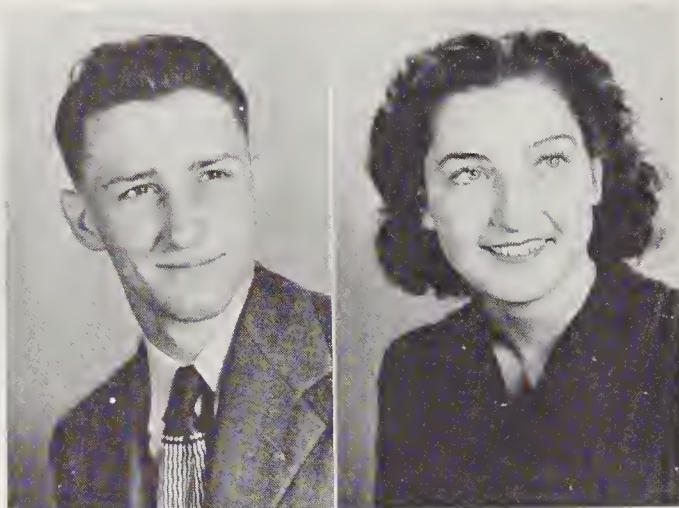
Mary Leah Edmonds

"Derky"

"Pepsodent smile . . . yell leader . . . height . . ." College Preparatory; Co-Editor Annual 4; Swain Hi Light Staff 4; Class Officer 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Senior Play 4; Dramatics 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3.

Charles Denning Woodard

"Sports hero . . . lazy . . .  
Tall, lean, lanky . . ." Agriculture-Science; Class Officer 1, 2, 3; Football 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; 4-H Club 1, 2.



Helen Edith Estes

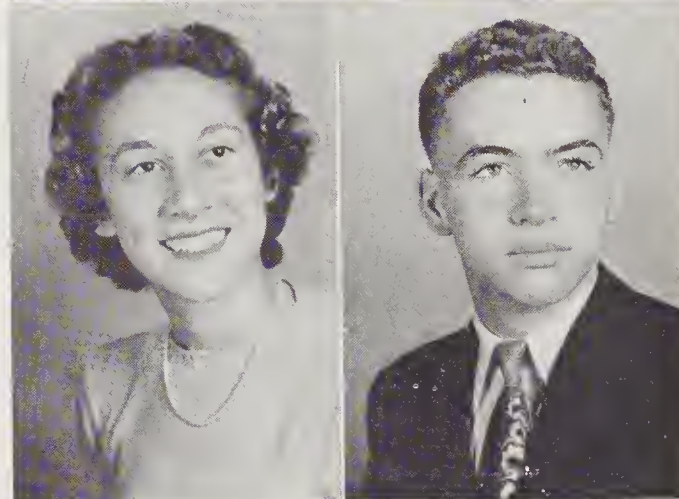
"Huddy"

"Attached . . . Blue eyes . . .  
loud." Commercial with Shorthand. Class Officer 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Dramatics 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3.



Marianna Morrow

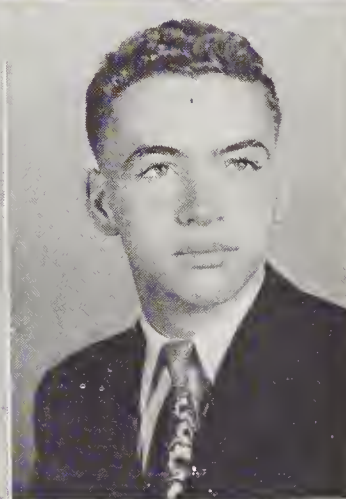
"True love . . . Smiles . . .  
Nice complexion . . ." Commercial without Shorthand; Swain Hi Light Staff 2; Class Officer 3; Student Council 2



William Eugene Brown

"Gene"

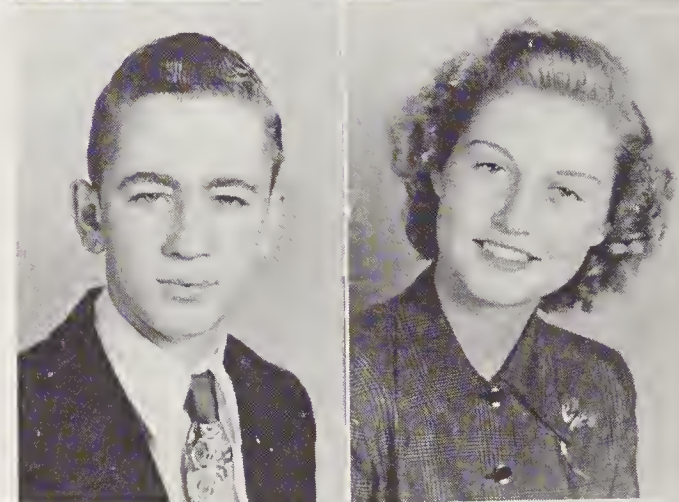
"Scat Back . . . Hands off . . .  
good looking . . ." Agriculture; Class Officer 1; Football 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.



Jack Burton Almond

"Bruton"

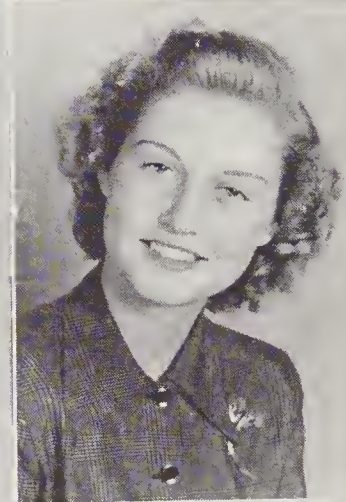
"Seven come eleven . . . Almond joy . . . Tennessee Border . . ." Agriculture-Science; Student Council 4; Dramatics 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3.



Mary Elizabeth Sherrill

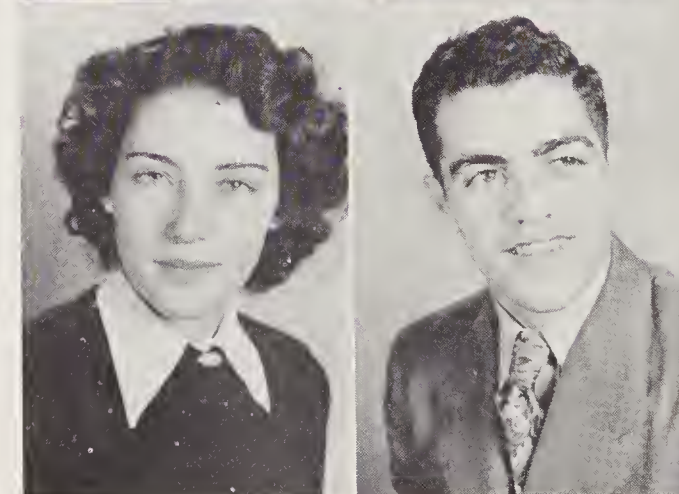
"Lib"

"Yap, Yap, Yap . . . Miss Priss . . . Yell leader . . ." Commercial with Shorthand; Marshal 3; Student Council 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 4; F. H. A. 3; 4-H Club 3.



Willie Ellen Williams

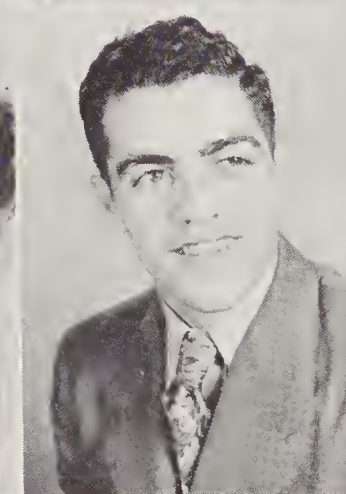
"Fluttery eyelashes . . . Giggler . . . cute . . ." College Preparatory; Dramatics 4.



James Sherrill

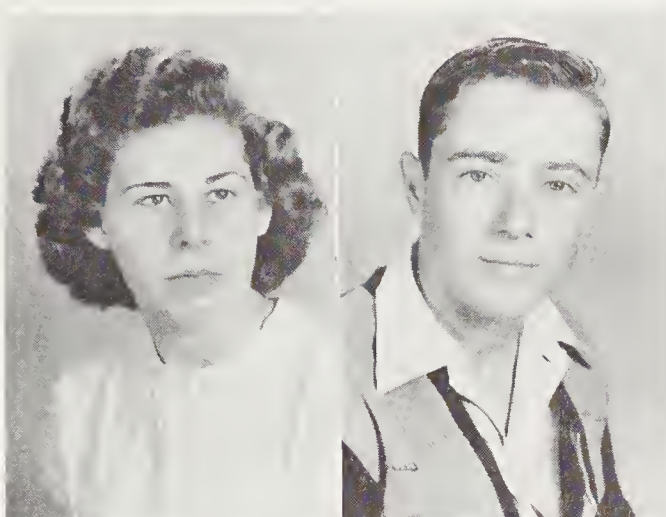
"Rah Rah"

"Lover boy . . . dark eyes . . .  
Ladies choice . . ." Agriculture-Science; Senior Class President 4; Senior Play 4; Dramatics 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 4; F. F. A. 1, 2; 4-H Club 1.



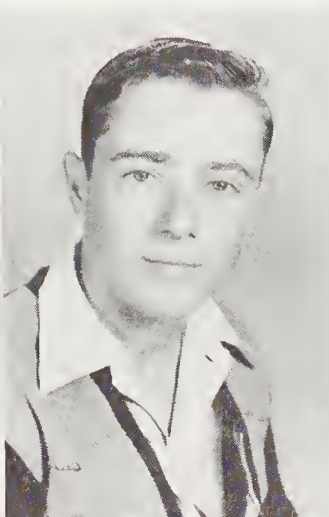
Laura Crisp

"Friendly . . . pleasing smile . . . minus height . . ." Commercial with Shorthand; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Journalism 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 2, 3.



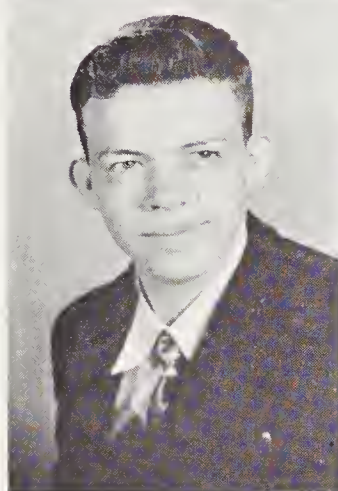
Russell Maney

"Short . . . nice . . . quiet . . ." Agriculture; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4.



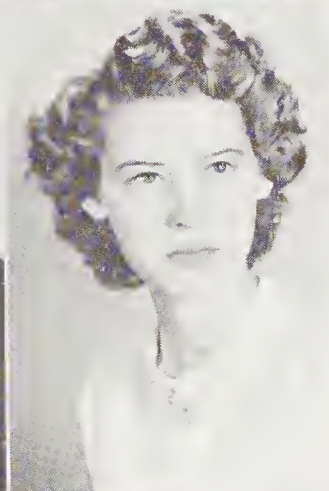
Ernest Payne

"Brainstorm . . . bashful . . ." Agriculture-Science; Dramatics 4; F. F. A. 3, 4; F. F. A. Reporter 4.



Joanna Thomas

"Butterfly . . . giggle box . . . neat . . ." Commercial without Shorthand.



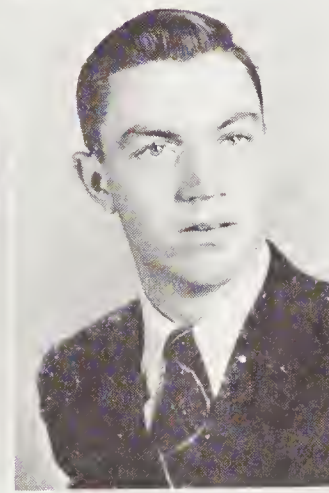
Betty Lou Thomas

"Efficient . . . attractive . . . neat . . ." Commercial with Shorthand; Swain Hi Light Staff 2; Annual Staff 3.



Frank Davis

"Whittier chauffeur . . . smart . . . slow . . ." Agriculture; Marshal 1; Senior Play 4; Dramatics 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2.



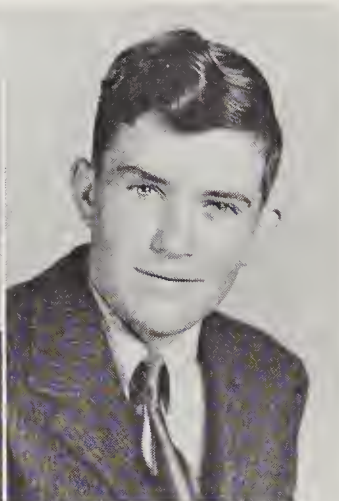
Margie Estes

"Pretty . . . Blue eyes . . . smart . . ." Commercial without Shorthand; President of Student Body 4; Senior Play 4; 4-H Club 1, 2.



Texie Garnar Goodson

"Artistic . . . Slim . . . Sophisticate . . ." Home Ec. Science; Art Editor of Annual 4; Senior Play 4; Dramatics 4; Journalism 2; F. H. A. 1, 2.

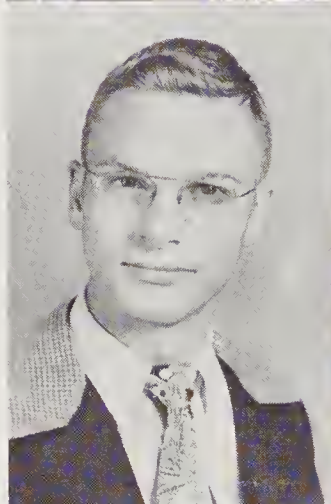


Carroll Lee Bailey

"Easy going . . . dark looks . . . quiet . . ." Agriculture; Secretary of F. F. A. 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

Max Cecil Clampitt

"Dependable . . ." Agricultural Science; Student Council 2; Band 2, 3; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

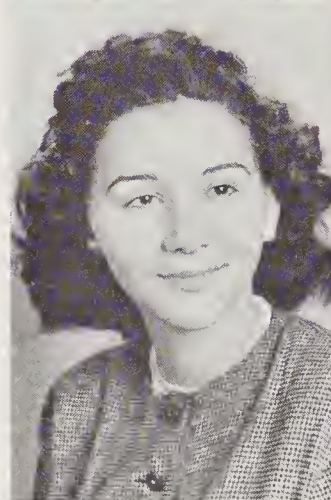


Marilyn Ruth Rogers

"Shapely . . . pouts prettily . . . freckles . . ." Home Ec. Science; Majorette 3, 4; Senior Play 4; Journalism 2; Dramatics 4; F. H. A. 1, 2.

Clara Cunningham

"Quiet . . . worker . . . friendly smile . . ." Commercial with Shorthand.



Joy Lee DeBord

"Red hair . . . Blue eyes . . . Nice figure . . ." College Preparatory; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3.

Coleen Shuler

"Small . . . quiet . . . neat . . ." Home Ec. Science; 4-H club 1, 2, 3.



Patsy Franklin

"Loves to eat . . . big mouth." Commercial without Shorthand.

Mildred Mathews Messer  
 "Wedding Bells . . . blonde and  
 quiet." Commercial; Student  
 Council 4.



Helen Parrish  
 "Piano Keys . . . Steady and  
 Constant." Home Ec. Science;  
 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Vice-  
 President 4; 4-H Pianist 1, 2,  
 3, 4.

Gladys Nations  
 "Serious . . . still . . . quiet."  
 Home Economics; Science.



Lora Smith  
 "Not much to say . . . cute  
 clothes." Commercial without  
 Shorthand.

Dorothy Sitton  
 "Giggle box . . . Worker . . .  
 Slow." Commercial without  
 Shorthand.



Mona June Stockton  
 "Sultry . . . Smart"  
 College Preparatory; Glee Club  
 1; Beta Club 3; Marshal 3.

Garnell Bowers  
 "Red hair . . . Shy . . ."  
 Commercial without Shorthand.



Gladys Jones

"Wavy hair . . . Sweet and shy." Commercial without Shorthand. Annual Queen.



Eva Nell Clampitt

"Blushing Nell . . . the Alaska Belle." Commercial without Shorthand.



Edith Oliver

"Tall . . . likable." Commercial without Shorthand; 4-H Club 1, 2.



Verna Lindsay

"Ipana Smile . . . Sincere." Home Ec. Science; Dramatics 4; F. H. A. 1; 4-H Club 2, 3, 4.



Cleo Cochran

"Shy . . . Dependable" Commercial without Shorthand; 4-H Club 1.



Louise Edwards

"Slow but sure . . ." Commercial without Shorthand.



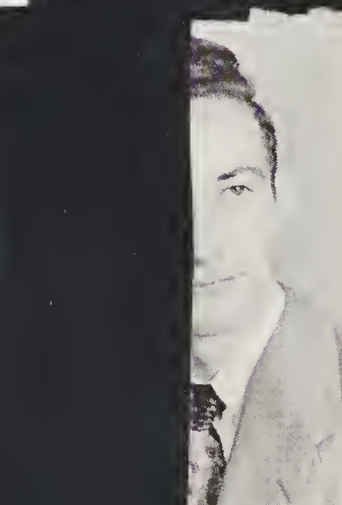
Reva Wike

"Temper . . . likes good marks" College Preparatory; Student Council 3; 4-H Club 2, 3, 4.



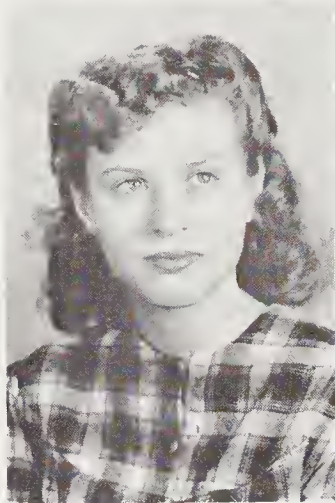
Carroll Southards

"Genius . . . guitar player . . . song writer." Commercial without Shorthand; Marshal 3; Student Council 4; Swain Hi Light Staff 4; Senior Play 4; F. F. A. 1, 4.



Geraleen Grant

"Hair of gold . . . eyes of blue." College Preparatory; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4.



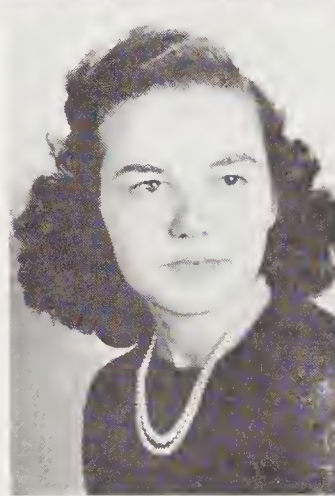
Faye Cloer

"Reserved . . . courteous . . . helpful . . ." Commercial without Shorthand. Journalism 4.



Lois Payne Orr

"Wedding bells . . . Capable . . . petite . . ." Commercial without Shorthand; Annual Staff 4.



Geraldine Orr

"Matured . . . quiet . . ." Commercial without Shorthand. 4-H Club 1, 2.



Louise Adams

"Sincere . . . blonde . . . artistic . . ." Commercial without Shorthand.



Janette Parton

"Not much to say . . ." Commercial with Shorthand; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3.



Thelma Sawyer

"Truck driver . . . slow . . . quiet . . ." Commercial without Shorthand; F. H. A. 1, 2.



## Class History



It has been said that time changes everything. Four years has certainly made a change in some of the future alumni of the Class of 1950 at Swain High.

From the green, hard-headed, freshmen they were to begin with to the learned, dignified seniors of today has been a worthwhile change. Of course, when the doors opened for them on an Autumn day long ago, they felt lost and alone. Upperclassmen looked down on them with scorn, and they trembled when they walked into a class.

But soon the newcomers knew the ropes as well as the veterans. This year ended with only *minor* accidents.

When fall came around again, they had hardly any trouble at all. Everyone was straightened out as to what he was taking and where. Frank Hyatt was so fond of biology, he spent most of his lunch hours dissecting bugs and frogs. The third year was one of "business before pleasure," funds had to be provided for the gala event of our school years — the Junior-Senior Banquet. Glimpses of football games were seen between selling drinks, running back for more hot dogs, and retrieving empty drink bottles. But it paid off and under a western theme, our banquet was a great success. When it came to history exams our Junior year, the only thing that Jack Almond couldn't remember was the year the War of 1812 was fought. But Mrs. DeHart had a particle of mercy in her heart and Jack passed.

At last they're seniors. A few of the members are a little frayed and worn from working on the annual, but they should be recovered in time to catch the Swain Hi Special for Washington. All those long, long, drawn out meetings with Mr. Taylor and the School Board finally brought results. One of the proudest moments for the dignified seniors came when they were measured for caps and gowns. From the tallest to the shortest they knew that graduation was not far off.

# Class Prophecy



1. Jim Sherrill is Bryson City's outstanding dentist. His specialty is making plates for Swain High football players, since his personal experience makes him an expert in this line. Jim has developed into an excellent boxer so that he can knock out some business when times are slow.
2. Garnar Goodson is now the greatest artist in America. Of course no one can understand her paintings. She says she produces her best masterpieces by dipping a cat in mud mixed with petroleum, turning around three times, and throwing the cat against the canvas. The results make excellent modern-day painting.
3. Marilyn Rogers was an outstanding actress in Hollywood for years until she became Clark Gable's twenty-fifth wife. After Clark took his twenty-sixth wife, Marilyn became a model for Drape-Shape Model Agency.
4. Engene Brown graduated from Swain High in 1960 and joined the coaching staff at Six Yard Loss High School in Hadicol County, North Carolina, where it is said he has lost only thirty-six games out of thirty-seven.
5. Mary Leah Edmonds is now playing professional basketball for the Toot Hollow Panthers.
6. Dorothy Sitton, Lora Smith, Reva Wike, and Coleen Shuler are all very efficient secretaries in the Van Raalte Company's New York plant. They are all being courted by the vice-presidents of the company but claim that a twenty-year courtship isn't long enough. The marriages will take place in nineteen and eighty.
7. Betty Lou Thomas is now the personal, private, exclusive secretary of Willie Williams, first lady president of the United States. Serving on President Willie's cabinet are: Janette Parton, Secretary of the Department of Half-cent Postage Stamps; Verna Lindsay, Secretary of the Department of Lost Chords in the Music Section; Joy Lee DeBord, in charge of the safety pins in the Children's Department; Bill DeHart, Chief Adviser in the Noun-pronoun Section of the Better English Department; Carroll Bailey, Commander-in-chief of Milk Bottle Tops in the President's kitchen; and Russel Maney, Chief Cook and Bottle Washer under the main cook to the President's breakfast staff, Max Clampitt.
8. Frank Hyatt is now county agent for Swain County. He is very busy with his 4-H work but with his assistant, Christine Hyde, as Home Demonstration Agent, he eventually gets all his work done. His prize pupil, Jack Almond, Jr., has just won first prize in a corn growing contest. He also won a trip to Europe for being the best pupil.
9. At the end of twenty years Elizabeth Sherrill (now Mrs. Mac Hyatt) found that she and Mac still had not reared enough young Hyatts for a complete football team built around Mac at fullback with a few good subs; so Elizabeth is sometimes forced to run at quarterback herself.
10. Betty Lou Powell has now retired to her mansion on School House Hill after making a fortune writing murder mysteries. In her books the victims, oddly enough, are always principals and school teachers.
11. Edith Oliver, Geraldine Orr, Joanna Thomas, Eva Nell Clampitt and Gladys Nations are all teachers at the Alabama School for Geniuses at Punkin Town, Alabama. They say they are often mis-taken for their pupils, but this is only because of their youthful appearance.
12. Mona June Stockton is now the very efficient secretary to the President of the University of North Carolina.
13. Dutch Lee's latest book of poems, "Drippy Drips," is the greatest sensation since Frank Davis invented the machine for automatic haircuts. The invention is a great success. Out of a hundred and one customers only ninety have been scalped, and ten have died of brain concussion.
14. Charles Woodard is now head coach at his old Alma Mater, Clemson College, but the head coach in the Woodard home is the former Miss Helen Estes, who now coaches a team consisting of Charles and six little Woodards.
15. Nelda Reed is the Hadicol agent in the Whittier area and has reportedly made a small fortune playing the piano and selling Hadicols at the same time.
16. We find Carroll Southards living in his mansion, "Corny Acres," on the profits of his two famous songs, "Fiddling in the Corn" and "Coon Dog Baying at the Moon." Roy Rogers and Roy Acuff are now his personal servants. Carroll ran Roy Rogers out of business when he sang a song near Trigger and the horse dropped dead. Helen Parrish is now his pianist.
17. Laura Crisp, champion amateur basketball player of the United States for twenty years, has retired to a dude ranch at Free Shot, Oklahoma. Among the cowboys and cowgirls on her ranch we find Louise Adams, Faye Cloer, Cleo Cochran, Clara Cunningham, and Ernest Payne. Joe Freeman sells programs at all entertainments on the ranch. The programs read: "You can't tell cowboys from cows or ham from spam without a program."
18. Gladys Jones, Annual Queen of 50, is now competing for the title of Miss America, which she has already won for twenty-five years.
19. Mildred Messer and Lois Orr are married, (rumor has it) and are comfortably engaged in raising chickens, ducks and children.
20. Jimmy Sutton has just been elected Governor of North Carolina because his only opponent was Jack Almond, leader of the Grand-Old Flop Party.
21. Glenith Crisp is in Paris where she sets the styles for women's clothes every spring. Some of her new styles in addition to the new look are called the old look, the green look, and the Hadicol look.
22. Margie Estes, Louise Edwards, Patsy Franklin, and Geraleen Grant are all nurses in the Bide-a-wee Hospital at Hadicol Springs, North Carolina. They claim to lose only 90% of their pitients, which is a fine average since that for the hospital is 100%.
23. Marianna Morrow is still trying to make her millions at Belk's Department Store while patiently waiting for Charles Lee to graduate from old Swain High, where he still has ten years of football eligibility left.
24. Garnell Bowers has now become head of Belk's Department Store. She figures that selling gauze and splints to Gene Brown's football team should keep the store booming for years.



BEST ALL AROUND

Nelda Reed

Jim Sherrill



BEST DRESSED

Jimmy Sutton

Glenith Crisp



MOST POPULAR

Helen Estes

Charles Woodard



BEST LOOKING

Margie Estes

Eugene Brown

# *Personalities*



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Helen Parrish

Carroll Southards



MOST ATHLETIC

Helen Estes

Charles Woodard



MOST STUDIOUS

Reva Wike

Carroll Southards



MOST FRIENDLY

Willie Williams

Jim Sherrill

# Last Will and Testament



We, the seniors of 1950, have, after many a hard struggle, finally reached this goal of finishing high school. Now, as we are near our time of departure from our beloved school, we make this our Last Will and Testament:

To the Junior Class we leave the privilege of presenting a good senior play. (Come to the rescue, Mr. Wike!)

We leave our dignity (such as it is) to the Freshman Class, who, we feel, needs it.

To our dear teachers we leave all underclassmen, who we hope will appreciate them and not put as many gray hairs in their heads as we have.

## Personal Items:

1. Christine Hyde wills her sweet disposition and genuine friendship to Maxine Parrish.
2. Jim Sherrill wills his winning ways with the women to Coy Calhoun.
3. Mary Leah Edmonds leaves her ability to use her height on the basketball court to Snooky Hamilton.
4. Joe Freeman wills his ability to keep the girls laughing to Ben DeHart.
5. Betty Lou Thomas leaves her quietness to Mary Flanagan.
6. Marianna Morrow wills her ability to go steady to Joan Briggs and Wilma Bradley.
7. Frank Hyatt leaves his love for 4-H Club work to Joan Tallent.
8. Margie Estes leaves her position as president of the student body to Mac Hyatt.
9. Charles Woodard and Bill DeHart will their ability to go to the Optimist Bowl to Floyd King and Paul Styles.
10. Garnar Goodson leaves her position as art editor to Richard Williams.
11. Marilyn Rogers wills her freckles to Evelyn Carson.
12. Mary Leah, Helen, and Nelda will their love for square dancing to Jackie Hyde and Newell McMahan.
13. Frank Davis wills his pleasing smile and contagious laugh to Charles Medford.
14. Nelda Reed and Willie Williams leave their giggle boxes to Annie Marie Browning and Barbara Truett.
15. Mildred Mathews Messer and Lois Payne Orr will their ability to ring wedding bells to Janice Walker and Peggy Ann Jenkins.
16. Jack Almond leaves his ability to get along with Miss Cassada to Harold Shuler.
17. Helen Estes bequeaths her big mouth to "Louse" Lewis.
18. Lib Sherrill wills her cheerleading position to her sister, Barbara Ann.
19. Bill DeHart wills his excess weight to Buddy Smith.
20. Reva Wike leaves her ability to make the "A" honor roll to Charles Wiggins.
21. Dutch and Betty Lou will their ability to skip school (and not get caught—sometimes) to Sue Cooper and Frances Robinson.
22. Eugene Brown leaves his Ipana smile and quietness to Johnny Colville.
23. Max Clampitt wills his contagious laugh and his ability to have several girl friends to Jim Ensley.
24. Glenith Crisp wills her love for peanut butter to anyone who eats in the lunchroom.
25. Charles Woodard wills his ability to skip school (in order to hunt or fish) to Robert Hyatt.
26. Joe Freeman wills the air coolers from his typewriter to Aileen Allen.

The remainder of the seniors leave their *great* talents and abilities to any of those who are capable of taking good care of them.

We do hereby appoint the Junior Class executors of this, our Last Will and Testament.

Mary Leah Edmonds

Joe Freeman

Christine Hyde

Testators

# JUNIOR



*"Three years of wear . . .*

*But we're almost there!"*



#### JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Donald Welch  
Nevelle Kitchin

Robert Hyatt  
Annie Marie Browning

The Junior Class had the usual hectic year, because this is the fund and fun-raising class for the Banquet.

## *Juniors*



First Row: Robert Hyatt, Annie Marie Browning, Charles Medford, Mildred Brown, Mac Hyatt.  
 Second Row: Sue Cooper, Donald Welch, Ann Thomas, Harold Lambert, Nevelle Kitchin.  
 Third Row: Dewitt Barker, Evelyn Carson, Broadus Clampitt, Frances Robinson, Jim Lew's.  
 Fourth Row: Ruth Jean Cole, Paul Styles, Betty Douthit, Floyd King, Eloise Gass.



First Row: Rachel Crisp, Coy Calhoun, Lorene Lackey, Anna Lou Brooks, Mike Gibson.  
 Second Row: Dorothy Monteith, Leroy Bradley, Aileen Allen, Nelson Messer, Reba Thomas.  
 Third Row: Walter Laws, Oma Lee Marr, Newell McMahan, Velda Cunningham, Charles Anderson.  
 Fourth Row: Maxine Parrish, Cecil Sitton, Betty Lou Crisp, Hall Battle, Evelyn Manteith Tisdale.



First Row: Richard Williams, Ann Carson, Bill Smiley, Barbara Jean Parton, Bobby Monteith.  
 Second Row: Mary Alice Lindsay, Jackie Hyde, Mary Emma Seay, Bobby Joe Wiggins, Earlene Crisp.  
 Third Row: Buddy Smith, Cora Mae DeHart, Ben DeHart, Gladys Breedlove, Gene Downs.  
 Fourth Row: Haseltine Marr, Charley Farley, Elsie Lowe, Beauford Nations, Clara Lee Mashburn.



First Row: Donald McHan, Georgia Belle Cline, Foya Jenkins, Irene Freeman, Sterling Cochran.  
 Second Row: Ellen Branton, Herman Stephenson, Lois Cochran, Johnny Colville, Marion Greene.  
 Third Row: Bobbie McHan, Ruby Simonds, Geraldine DeHart, Betty Childers, Myrtle Payne.  
 Fourth Row: Mary Moody, Eva Nell Brock, Betty Lou Wright, Betty Jacobs, Joan Tallent.

# SOPHOMORE



*"You can tell a Soph . . .*

*But you can't tell him much"*

The Sophomores are too old to act as foolishly as the Frosh, and too young to enjoy the privileges of the Juniors and Seniors.

# Sophomores

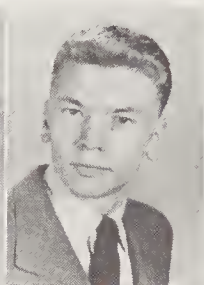


## SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

John Arkansas      Charles Wiggins  
Beatrice Welch      Bert Williams      Charles Lee Cope



Beatrice  
Welch



Bert  
Williams



Mary Ann  
Tahquette



First Row: Charles Cope, Maxine Moles, Charles Wiggins, Mary Flanagan, Bobby Webb, Peggy Jenkins, Charles Ensor, Irene Medford.

Second Row: Johnny Collins, Kate Brooks, Bill Angel, Nell Gibby, Clyde Ball, Eve'lyn Hyatt, Harlan Heron, Vista Cassada.

Third Row: John Arkansas, Joyce Hyde, Charles Watson, Carol Hamilton, Gwin Allen, Peggy Herron, Max Monteith, Irene Hyde.

Fourth Row: Richard Freeman, Norma Jean Totherow, Frank Randolph, Gladys Payne, Ralph Cochran, Janice Walker, Kenneth Wood, Barbara Truett.

Fifth Row: Jack Seay, Mary Lou Battle, Earl Woody, June Shuler, Jackie Shuler, Ella Mae Mashburn.



First Row: Buddy Monteith, Myrtle Clampitt, Bill Thomas, Hazel Dills, Dennis Welch, Eloine Sutton, Buford Evans, Wilma Bradley.

Second Row: J. B. Stephenson, Chinera Earley, Carl Winchester, Wanda Lee Shuler, Arnold Burnette, Mildred Ball, Clarence Hughes, Joyce Breedlove.

Third Row: Joe Leatherwood, Joan Briggs, Odis Sitton, Ruth Fuller, Worley DeHart, Betty Adams, Robert Lequire, Barbara Sherrill.

Fourth Row: Garner Brown, Evanell Bailey, George Craig, Irene Messer, Richard Burnette, Joyce Gibson, Gilmer Breedlove, Tony Redmond.

Fifth Row: Sue Reeves, Nayda Reed, Janetta Earls, Verna Lee Johnson, Roberta Howard, Lenna Grant.

# FRESHMEN



*"Frosb for Short . . .*

*but not for Long!"*

The foolish gay Fresh—loving and beloved by all for their innocence and ignorance of the ways of the world.

# Freshmen



## FRESHMAN OFFICERS

Fred Hyatt

Jim Ensley  
Edna Duvall

Earl Ball



First Row: Jim Ensley, Carmaleta Littlejohn, Amon Beasley, Coleen Smiley, Denver Shuler, Bonnal Medford, Daniel Wike, Carolyn Moles.

Second Row: Charles Randall, Sue Payne, Wade Ball, Patsy Carson, Fred Hyatt, Geraldine Shuler, Troy Whiteside, Rose Marie Wilde.

Third Row: Junior Parrish, Barbara Cooper, Joe Thomas, Ann Ward, James Coggins, Leona Lamm, Sidney Cochran.

# SPORTS



*"Our Sports Whirl . . ."*

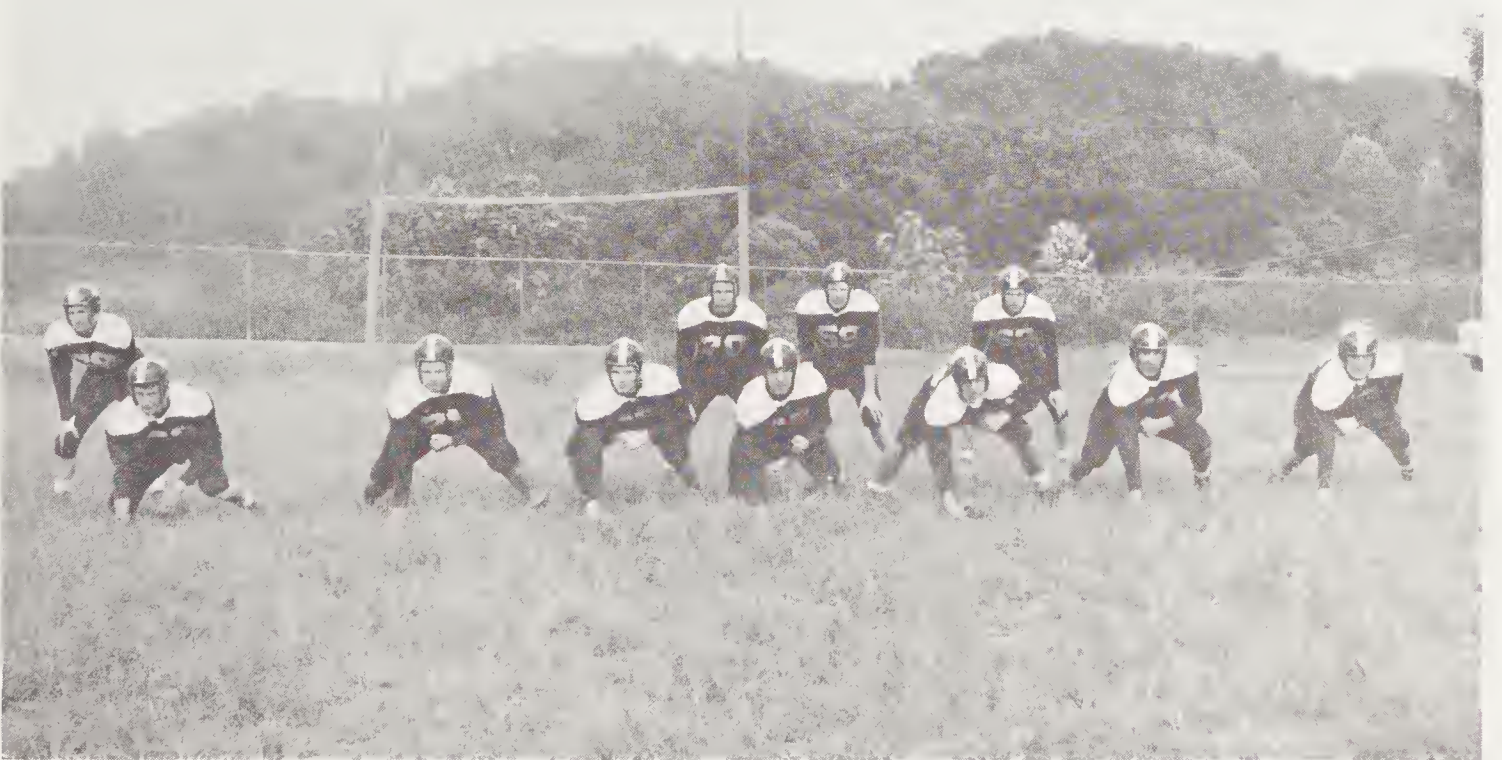


Coach Barnwell

"Skull session . . . the evening before the morning after . . ."

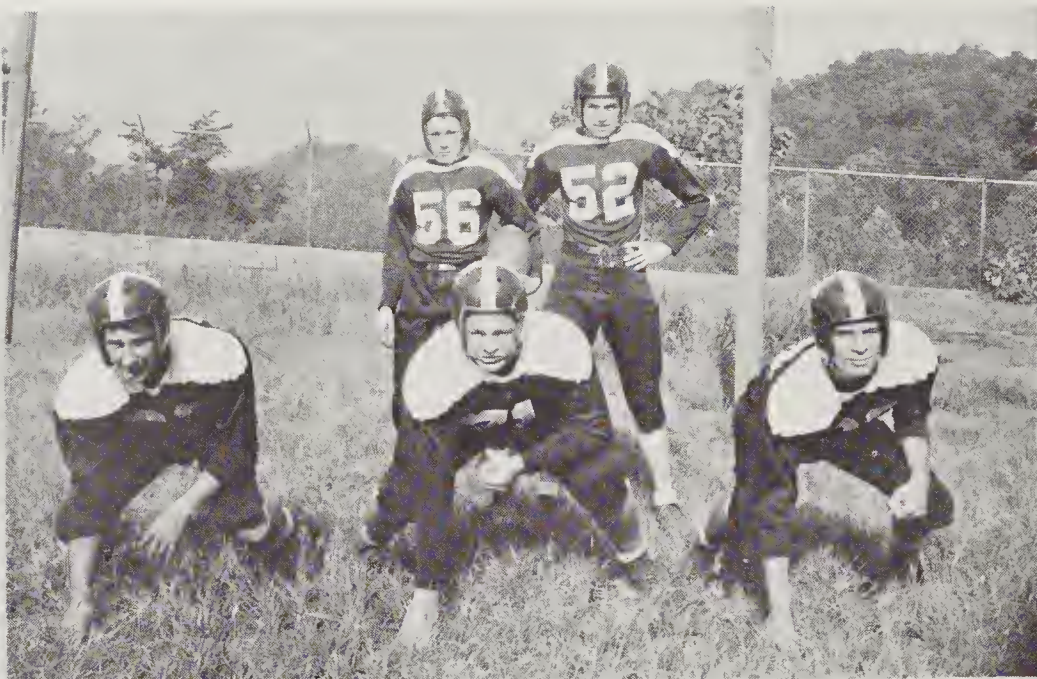


The Winning Devils '49 - '50



### SMOKY MOUNTAIN BOWL GAME . . .

Sponsored by the Lions . . . Maroons fought Dark Horses to a 0 to 0 muddy tie . . . slosh, slosh . . . Thanks to Asheville Citizen Times for pictures of "Mud Bowl."



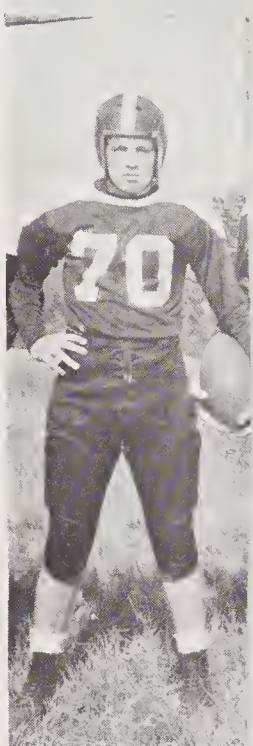
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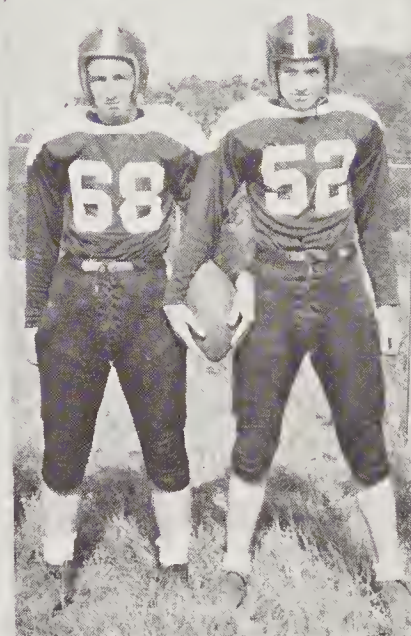
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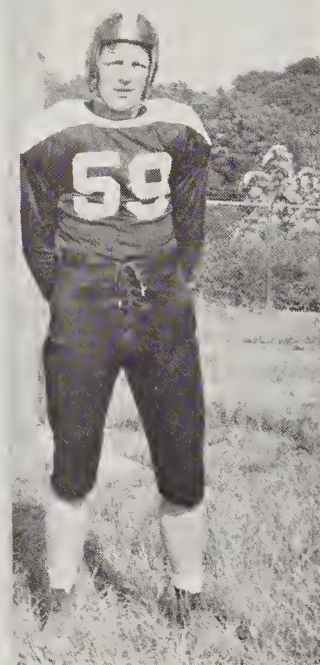
Bill



Jim



Harold Gene



MACK

## CHEER LEADERS



CHEER . . . CHEER . . . CHEER . . .

Yelling from left to right: Lib Sherrill, Mary Leah Edmonds, Jim Sherrill, Helen Estes, Nelda Reed, Rachel Crisp . . . Here's a sample of how it goes when the Maroon Devils are on the one yard line . . .

Yea Maroon, Yea White,

Yea Swain Hi, Fight, Fight, Fight!



## SEASON IN REVIEW

Barnwell's Maroon Devils glorified Swain Hi by capturing Smoky Mountain Conference honors . . . Walloped Hope Mills with a score of 38 to 0 . . . Defeated Hayesville by the score of 25 to 6 . . . Plowed through Sevierville 19 to 0 . . . A rough trip to Robbinsville produced a 32 to 6 victory . . . Andrews hit us hard with a 0 to 0 score . . . A "close call" with Murphy with the final score 0-1 . . . Defeated Tryon at a home game 25 to 0 . . . Went down to defeat at the hands of Mountaineers of Waynesville with the score at 6 to 20 . . . Squeezed out a one point victory over Sylva with a score of 27 to 26 . . . Walked over Andrews by a score of 21 to 6 . . . Clinched the conference win by smashing Franklin 32 to 7.



*"Keep your center of gravity down . . .  
Melvin and his fighting gals . . ."*

#### STARS ON THE COURT



Huddy



Lib



Derky



LAURA



*"Off the Backboard . . ."*



Bill



Charles



Jimmy

*"Putting it in the Basket . . ."*

# SNAPSHOTS



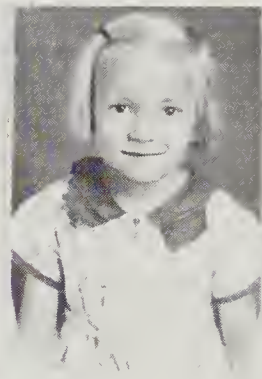
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"US"



Jim



Glenith



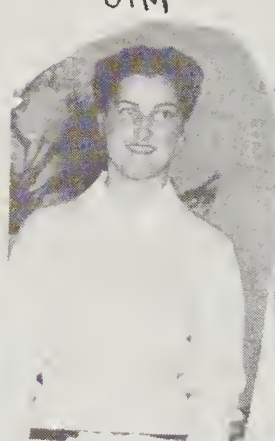
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GARNER



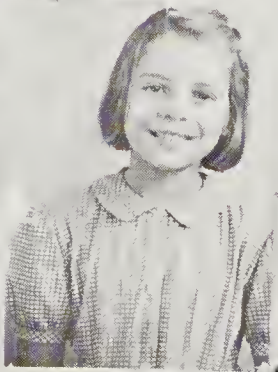
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"TRUE LOVE" "Dutch"



Joe



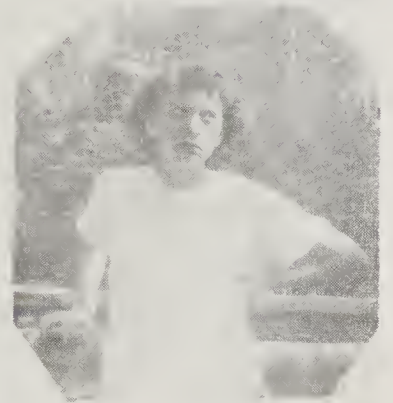
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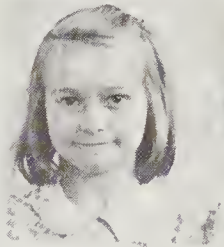
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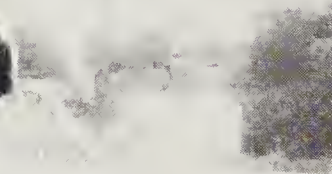
Helen



Betty Lou



Reva



MARY Leah



Willie



TALMADGE WIGGINS



JIMMY



Dot



Mildred + MARGIE



Mildred BROWN



"The Gals"

# ACTIVITIES



*"And then Activities—*

*what makes Swain Hi go 'round . . . "*



## RIDGE RUNNER STAFF

Pictures . . . cuts . . .  
typing . . . erasures  
. . . ads . . . hurry  
. . . hurry . . . hurry.

Front Row: Helen Estes, Joe Freeman, Mary Leah Edmonds, Christine Hyde.  
Back Row: Lois Orr, Nelda Reed, Bill DeHart, Garnar Goodson, Glenith Crisp.



## MARSHALS

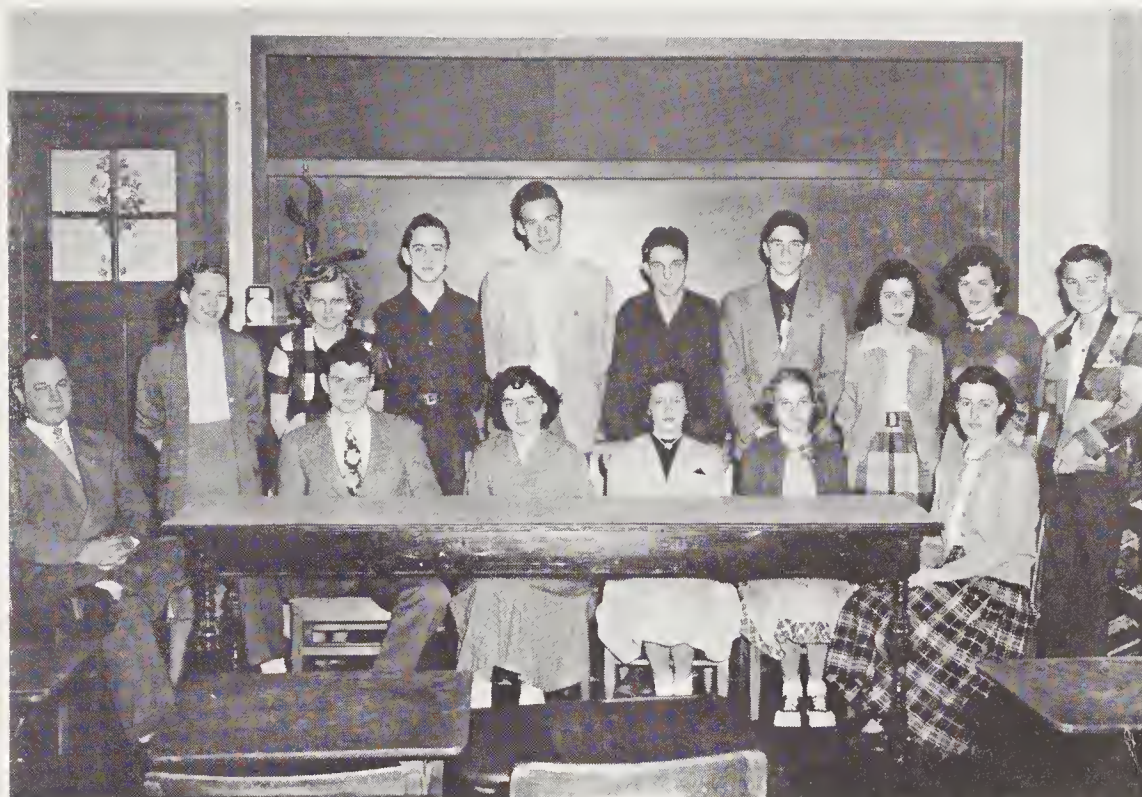
Top students . . .  
usher at all programs  
. . . anged by Miss  
Cassada . . .

Front Row: Clarence Hughes, Anna Lou Brooks, Opal Woods, Roy Barker, Robert Hyatt, Miss Cassada.

Back Row: Vista Cassada, Donald Welch, Nevelle Kitchin, Bert Williams, Martha Hyatt.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

The voice of the student body . . . student elected . . . guided by Mrs. Fox and Mr. Cunningham . . .



Front Row: Mr. Cunningham, Robert Hyatt, Marg'e Estes, Patsy Carson, Nayda Reed, Mrs. Fox.

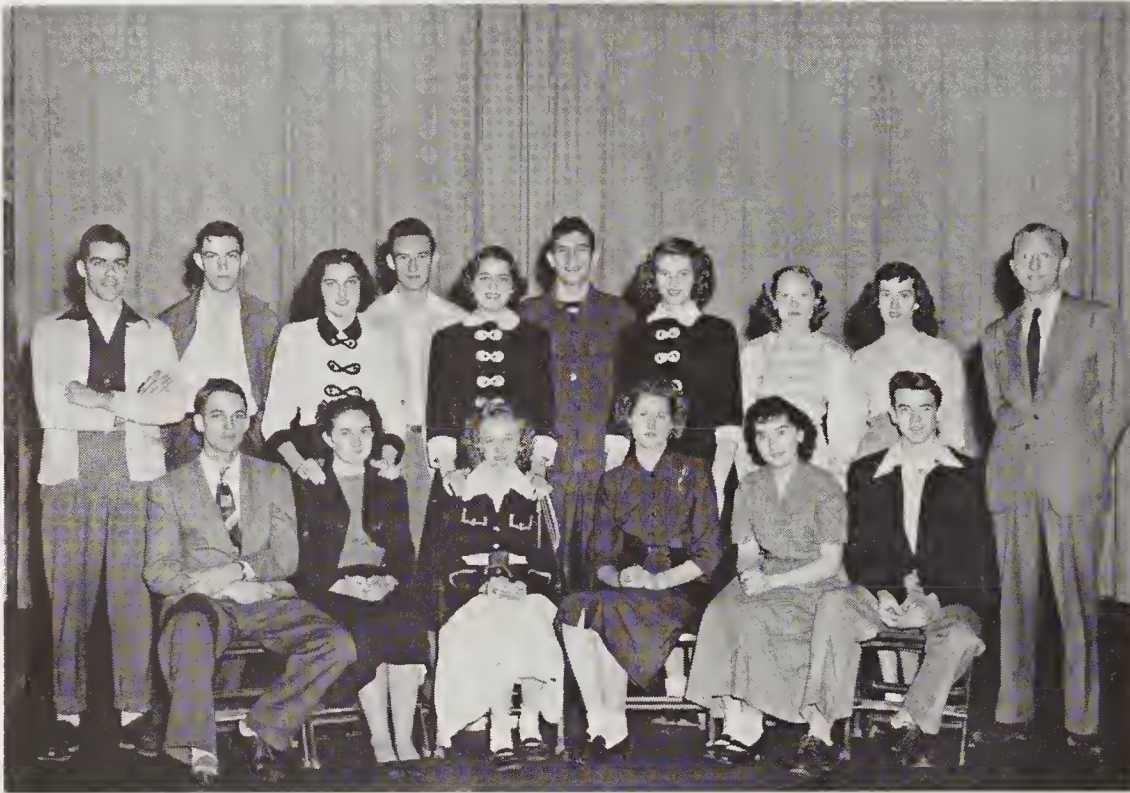
Back Row: Lucille Branton, Mildred Messer, Jack Almond, Carroll Southards, Johnny Collins, Fred Hyatt, Haseltine Marr, Irene Hyde, Charles Randall.



## ART CLASS

Outlet for the artistic . . . Marilyn Rogers favorite model . . . Mrs. Thomasson's guiding hand.

Garner Goodson, Eloine Sutton, Earnest Payne, Richard Williams, Louise Adams, Bert Williams, Ann Carson, Mary Lou Battle.



THE "ADORABLE  
IMP"

Senior Play . . . fast and furious rehearsals . . . Mr. Wikle getting gray . . . big success . . .



DRAMATICS  
CLASS

Swain Hi's thespians . . . enjoyable class . . . Have you learned your lines? . . .

GAIETY AND  
GLAMOUR



JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET . . . roaring success . . . Riding the Range . . .  
Are you singing, Mr. Taylor? . . . Deep in the Heart of Texas . . .



4-H CLUB

I pledge My HEAD to clearer thinking . . .  
My HEART to greater loyalty . . .  
My HANDS to larger service . . .  
My HEALTH to better living . . . for my club,  
My community and my country.



## HOME ECONOMICS

Streamlined Kitchen . . . Always bright, and shiny . . . Bosswoman Brintnall . . .



## SHOP

Get to work, Boys . . .  
"If you win this game, no licking." . . . Bossman Lyday

F. H. A.



FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA



F. F. A.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



## SWAIN HI LIGHT

Got a beef or gripe?  
The *Hi Light* prints  
them all . . . Swain's  
sounding board . . .  
once a month . . .  
sponsored by Mr.  
Cunningham. . . .

## LATIN CLUB

This organization has  
pumped poor Caesar  
full of life . . . don't  
tells us Latin is a  
dead language . . .





PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT—MARGIE ESTES

Margie is best distinguished by sweetness, ability, and lively blue eyes.



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SOUTHERN DAIRIES



DANFORTH AWARD  
ERNEST PAYNE                      CHRISTINE HYDE

These students were chosen by the faculty of Swain County High School to be awarded the Danforth Award for 1950. They were selected on the basis of physical, mental, social, and spiritual qualities and will be presented a copy of the book, I DARE YOU, by William E. Danforth.



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Robert is Chief Marshal and Vice President of Student Government. The Junior Class is proud of this boy.



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CHIEF CHEERLEADER—HELEN ESTES

Helen has been a cheerleader for three years and we know that her "big mouth" has spurred the Maroons on to victory.



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ANNUAL QUEEN—GLADYS JONES

Gladys was elected by the Senior Class to be Annual Queen for 1950.



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#### IDEAL STUDENTS

CARROLL SOUTHARD

MARGIE ESTES

These students have been designated by the faculty as the most outstanding students in the graduating class of 1950. They were chosen on basis of demonstrating that they possess the following traits and characteristics: Moral Character, Conservation of Health, Industrious, Accurate Workmanship, Tending toward Excellence, Self-control, Reliability, Ability to get along with others, Loyalty to common good even at the expense of sacrificing personal desires, Realization of the value of things, Initiative, and Leadership.

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DeHART  
Big Time Operator

STOLEN



THOMASSON  
"NUMBER NINES"



WIKLE  
Long Ago and Far Away

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WIKLE-BRINK'S INC.-DeHART

CASSADA -  
good specimen



WOMICK  
DOW JUAN









